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A bill has passed the Senate of Virginia to increase the salaries of the Circuit Judges of the State from \$1,000 to \$2,000. A list of the salaries paid to judges in other States, annexed hereto, shows that the bill is a timely one and the effort therein made to repair the injustice to which our judiciary has been for some time subjected, will have the approval of all right-thinking men of the State. The country at large is recognizing the necessity of a better paid judiciary and the State of Virginia is not up with the times or caters to a depraved public sentiment, who fails to see that the same necessity exists in Virginia as in other States of making the judges independent in all things and that such independence cannot be attained by men who have to struggle as some of our judges do, on their present salaries, to make both ends meet in supporting their families. We take it for granted the bill will pass the House. The votes of our delegates in its favor, at least, we think, are demanded by the people of the Eastern Shore. The following is a list of the salaries in other States:

New Jersey	\$5,000	Kansas	\$2,400
New York	6,000	Mass.	2,400
Connecticut	5,000	Michigan	2,400
Nevada	2,000	Mississippi	2,500
Delaware	2,000	Nebraska	2,500
Missouri	2,000	South Carolina	2,500
California	2,000	Ohio	2,500
Connecticut	2,000	Tennessee	2,500
Illinois	2,000	Alabama	2,500
South Carolina	2,000	Georgia	2,500
Texas	2,000	Arkansas	2,500
Florida	2,000	Louisiana	2,500
Wisconsin	2,000	West Virginia	2,500
Minnesota	2,000	Idaho	2,500
Montana	2,000	Wyoming	2,500
Utah	2,000	Colorado	2,500
Arizona	2,000	New Mexico	2,500
Alaska	2,000	Hawaii	2,500

Mr. Griffin C. Callahan, a former resident of this country, but now a prosperous business man of Philadelphia, has called our attention to an important matter that should not longer be neglected. His letter can be found in another section of this issue. Many of the counties of Maryland and some of those of Virginia have historical societies, that gather and preserve all matters of local interest, and many matters of general interest, that would be lost but for these societies. In fact all general history is made up of special or local history, and but for the preservation of the parts we could have no history as a whole. The counties of Accomac and Northampton are as rich in local history as any section of the State, excepting, perhaps Westmoreland. It was one of the first sections of the State settled. It has produced many of our most talented men—men that would honor any nation. There are today, living men, whose minds are not only full of traditions of importance, but who could write many articles of valuable local history. Already much has been irretrievably lost. In a few years those that now know most of our history will be "sleeping the sleep of death." Then our opportunity will be gone, and we will spend the time repining that should be used for a more noble and glorious purpose. Let us not merely think the matter over, but awaking from our lethargy, let us act at once.

The new official post guide for 1890 was issued Tuesday. It shows that there are 38,900 postoffices in the United States, against 37,376 for last year. Maryland has 1,011, against 985 last year. In Virginia the number has increased from 2,481 to 2,543, and in West Virginia from 1,412 to 1,450. The District of Columbia is at the foot of the list with 13 offices, an increase of two in the year. Pennsylvania is at the head of the list with 4,219 offices last year and 4,340 this year. There was an increase in the number of offices in every State and Territory except Rhode Island, where there are 129 offices, one less than last year.

The monument of Gen. R. E. Lee in the western part of Richmond, now rapidly approaching completion, will be unveiled on the 15th of May. Gov. McKimney has addressed a circular letter to the Mayors of the cities in the State, calling their attention to the fact that the unveiling ceremony will take place on the day mentioned, and that the association desires to raise \$7,000 deficit before that time. The Mayors are asked to make collections and remit.

Judge George W. Esley, the Senator from the district composed of Wythe, Giles, Putnam and Hand, died in Richmond last Tuesday, after an illness of some time. His malady is supposed to have been a kidney trouble.

It is stated in New York that Mexican coins have been unlawfully making and issuing many millions of United States silver dollars during the past two years.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

A bill has been introduced in the House to prevent the sale of cigarettes to minors. It provides that if any person sell, barter, give or furnish, or cause to be bartered or given or furnished to any minor cigarettes, having good cause to believe him or her to be a minor, said person shall be fined not less than two or more than one hundred dollars. The act is to be in force from its passage.

Mr. Peters of Henry, the popular bachelor, who some time ago presented a bill in Senate allowing women to practice law, has also introduced a bill in that body to punish wife beaters with stripes. The bill provides that upon conviction before a mayor or magistrate of any man who strikes his wife with his fist or any other weapon he shall be punished by not more than 39 nor less than 9 stripes. The wife is made a competent witness in such a case.

In the House Tuesday, Mr. Magruder, of Shenandoah, offered a resolution in which the question of the colonization of negroes was amusingly discussed. After directing preambles the resolutions conclude with the desire that the Virginia Representatives in Congress will support a bill for an appropriation to encourage the dissatisfied colored element to locate in the Republican States of the North, where they may enjoy their rights and be the recipients of a most hearty sympathy and the South be relieved of a fearful strain upon its political system. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

In response to a resolution adopted by the House recently, Auditor Marye Tuesday reported to that body that the sum paid out of the Treasury for criminal expenses during the months of October, November and December, 1888, was \$70,500.21, of which \$36,671.87 was for expenses in felony cases, and \$33,828.34 for expenses in cases of misdemeanor.

The House has passed a bill making railroad companies responsible for injuries sustained by employees, whether inflicted by a fellow employee or in consequence of the negligence or willful wrong of another agent.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

There are in the Episcopal Church Diocese of Virginia about fifty churches without rectors.

One real estate firm in Roanoke sold last week nearly \$100,000 worth of lots in the west end addition to that city.

Green peas are up higher now around Norfolk than they usually are the first of March, and unless a very cold wet spell comes they will be more than a month ahead of time.

Several parties have been quietly examining into the gold-bearing properties in the neighborhood of Fredericksburg, and efforts will be made to revive that industry, which in bygone days paid handsomely.

The young society ladies of Lynchburg have formed a cooking club. The club meets every week at one of the member's homes, and the hostess has to do the cooking and serving of refreshments.

The grand jury of Petersburg in session last week failed to find a true bill against General Wm. Mahone, charged with the felonious shooting and wounding of H. P. Harrison with intent to kill on the evening of the 5th of November last, and the prosecution was dismissed.

The board of directors of the Western Lunatic Asylum, at Staunton, has selected Miss C. L. Haynes, M. D., for the post of assistant physician in the female department. Miss Haynes is a native of South Carolina, a graduate of the Women's Medical College at Philadelphia, and is at present resident physician at the State Female School at Palmer, Mass.

The committees having the matter in charge on Saturday last selected the fifteenth of May next as the time for the unveiling of the Lee monument in Richmond. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was unanimously chosen as chief marshal. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, was given charge of all the ceremonies.

WOODSTOCK, Va., Jan. 21.—Ex-Senator Riddleberger has been living very ill at his residence here ever since the holidays. He has not been conscious for weeks. His physicians have given up all hope and have notified his family that his death may occur at any moment. He sank very rapidly last night, but rallied a little today.

Young Men's Christian Association Convention at Portsmouth.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Virginia, will be held in Portsmouth, February 13 to 16. Hon. A. H. Colquhoun, U. S. Senator from Georgia, G. S. Fisher, of Kansas, W. E. Colley, of Connecticut, C. E. Hurlbut, of Pennsylvania, W. E. Wayne, of Maryland, H. M. Clarke, of Michigan, States Secretaries of their respective States will be present and assist. Also Mr. W. C. Douglass of the Philadelphia Association, one of the foremost men in Association work in the world will be at the meeting. A large male chorus will lead the singing. An effort is being made to have 400 delegates present. Reduced rates on all the railroads will be secured and free entertainment provided for all the delegates. Representation is not limited and towns having no associations are invited to send delegates. All young men expecting to attend should write at once to H. O. Williams, State Secretary, Richmond, Va., for program and full particulars.

The Fatal Electric Current.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Jan. 20.—This morning at nine o'clock a man stopped his horse in front of F. W. Parsons' shoe store, in Water street, tied the animal to an awning-post and went away. A few minutes later the horse tumbled his nose to an iron post and fell into the gutter like a log. Thos. Dawson ran to help the horse, but no sooner did he place his hands on the animal than he (Dawson) fell dead. Thomas Saltz, who saw Dawson fall, hastened to his assistance and took hold of him to lift him up, but received a terrible shock, and he, too, dropped to the ground as if dead. An electric light wire had sagged and lay upon an iron rod extending from the awning-post to the building, and the full force of the electric current was passing down the iron post into the ground. The insulating material of the wire had become thoroughly saturated by rain. Mr. Saltz was only stunned. He got up, brushed his clothes and walked away. Neither was the horse killed. It was cut loose from the post, lifted to its feet and driven off. Dawson was a laborer, and for a number of years grave-digger in St. George's Cemetery. He was a large and powerful man, weighing over 200 pounds. He was well and favorably known and leaves a wife and children. There is great excitement and indignation in this city. The electric light wires, even when taut, are only a few inches above the iron awning frames in front of the buildings.

It seems that Dawson in assisting the horse took hold of the head gear, and at once fell forward, his head striking against the iron awning-post. An examination of the body disclosed the fact that the deadly current was received on the left side of the head, which had rested against the awning-post. The neck was blistered, the hair singed and the ear badly burned. Drs. Wiggins and How all subsequently made a thorough examination of the whole body. The man's eyes were open. His face bore no evidence that he had suffered any pain.

Phenomenal Yields.

NEW YORK, January 16.—The most phenomenal yield of corn ever produced in America has been awarded a prize of \$500, offered by the American Agriculturist, for the largest crop of shelled corn grown from one acre in 1889. The crop was within a fraction of 255 bushels, green weight, which shrunk to 239 bushels when kiln dried, and when chemically dried contained 217 bushels. The South Carolina State Board of Agriculture doubled the prize, making the award \$1,000 in all. This crop was grown by Z. J. Drake, of Marlboro' county, S. C. It is nearly twice as large as the greatest authenticated crop ever before reported. Five hundred dollars which was awarded for the largest yield of wheat last year goes to Henry F. Burton, of Salt Lake, Utah, for a yield of eighty bushels on one acre.

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Pungoteague, Va., Jan. 4th, 1890. Dear Sirs—Having used your Guano for the past two seasons, I am prepared to say that the results are represented to be. I shall continue to use them. Respectfully, Lee Drummond.

Davis' wharf, Jan. 4th, 1890. Gents—I have been using your guano for the past three seasons, and I enthusiastically say I like them better than any I have ever used. I used last season, very fine potatoes with no manure but your Super Phosphate on very poor land. I shall continue to use it. It is a very early producer. Respectfully, J. S. Davis.

Concord Farm, Dec. 23rd, 1889. Dear Sirs—Without wishing to detract from the virtue of other guanos or fertilizers, I do not hesitate to say that your Imperial Super Phosphate used on a late crop of sweet potatoes this year did all its friends claim for it. Respectfully, L. T. LeCato.

Belle Haven, Nov. 14th, 1889. Gentlemen—I have been using your Guanos for past two years on my trucks. Results are very satisfactory. I shall continue to use it. Respectfully, V. J. Stewart.

Davis' wharf, Nov. 17th, 1889. Gents—I purchased from your representative, F. A. Shield, three grades of Guanos and found them still up to the standard as far as I am able to judge, and this is by comparison. It is as good as the best. I was able to dig Irish potatoes as early as the earliest, and good crop. Planted sweets the 1st of May and shipped the 23rd of July, quality good. Respectfully, Thos. H. Carmine.

Cashville, Nov. 25th, 1889. Dear Sirs—I used your Guano this season for the first time Super Phosphate is the grade I used on corn and sweets, and although one of the most unfavorable seasons I have ever known (due to the excessive rains), yet my corn crop is the best I have ever made. In reference to sweets I will say, it gave perfect satisfaction, yielding a barrel to the acre, and I have no doubt but one hundred sprouts in poor land with one hundred sprouts in poor land with one hundred sprouts in poor land, I shall use it in the future. Respectfully, John E. Parker.

Shield's wharf, Jan. 14th, 1890. Dear Sirs—I have been using your guanos for the past three seasons, and can say that I dug potatoes earlier than I have ever done before, whether due to fertilizer or so, I know not, but the fact is as stated. Respectfully, S. T. Kellam.

Boggs wharf, Dec. 6th, 1889. Dear Sirs—I used a bag of your Sweet Potato Fertilizer the past season, and can say that I dug potatoes earlier than I have ever done before, whether due to fertilizer or so, I know not, but the fact is as stated. Respectfully, J. H. Battelle.

Mappeshur, Nov. 14th, 1889. Dear Sirs—This is the first season that I have used your Guano. I used 3 tons of round potato guano and 8 tons of your sweet potato phosphate. I have simply to say they are the best guanos I have ever used produced better results dollar for dollar. I also used a little on corn with better results than from any ever used, I shall continue to use yours. Chas. K. Taylor.

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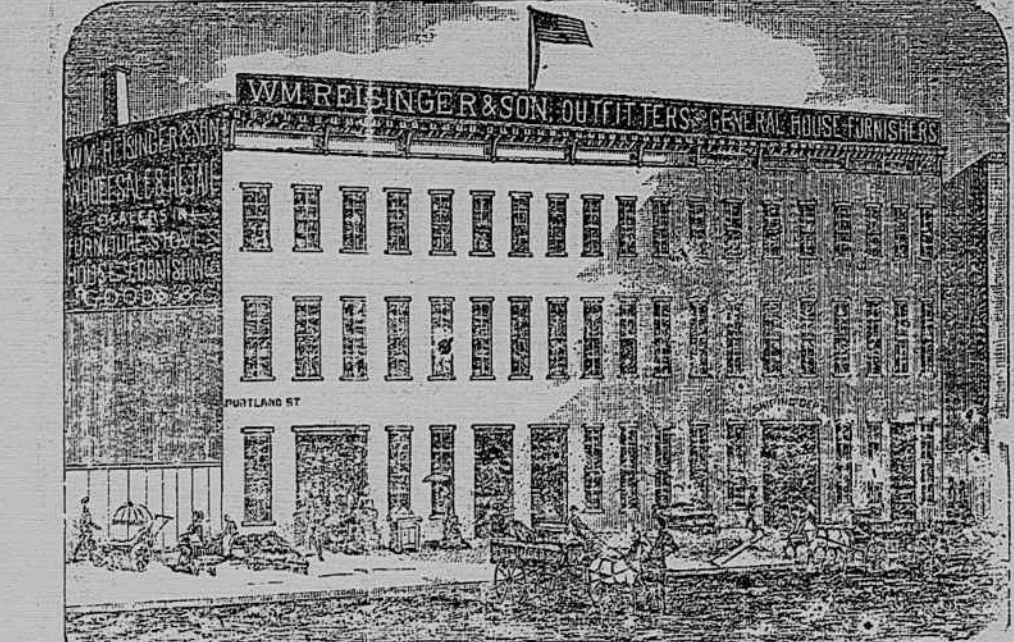
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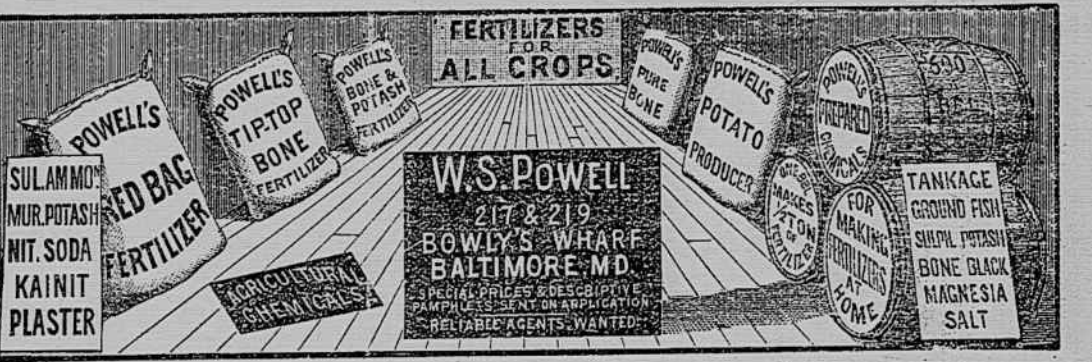
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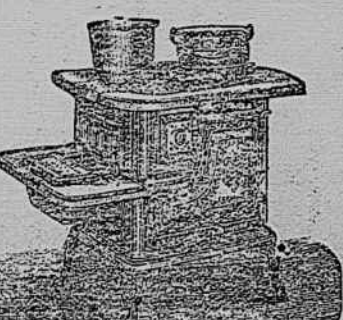
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